

**GCSE**

**Religious Studies (World Religions)**

**Islam 1**

**Specimen Paper**

**B577**

Time: 1 hour

Candidates answer on the question paper.

**Additional materials: none**

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### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the boxes above.
- Use black ink only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer any **TWO** questions; you must answer all parts (a-c) of the two questions that you choose.
- Do not write in the bar codes.
- Do not write outside the box bordering each page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **48**.
- Quality of written communication is assessed throughout the paper
- Should you need more space to write your answers there is an extra page at the end of the paper.
- If you need to use this extra page you must number your answers clearly.

This document consists of **8** printed pages.

Answer **TWO** questions (a, b and c parts should be answered for **each** question).

**1 (a)** Why is Muhammad ﷺ important to Muslims?

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**(b)** Explain the reasons why Hajj to Makkah is important for Muslims.

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**(c)** 'You don't have to keep all of the Five Pillars to be a good Muslim.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Islam in your answer .....

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**Total [24]**

**[Turn over**

**2 (a)** How do Muslims celebrate Id-ul-Fitr?

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**(b) Explain the importance of Id-ul-Adha for Muslims.**

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- (c) 'Fasting during Ramadan is more important to a Muslim's religious life than celebrating the Id festivals.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Islam in your answer

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**3 (a)** Outline the similarities and differences between Sunni and Shi'a belief.

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**(b)** Explain how living in the UK might affect Salah.

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**Paper Total: [48]**

### Extra Answer Space

**Clearly label which question you are answering.**

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Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
1(a)	<p><b>Why is Muhammad ﷺ important to Muslims?</b></p> <p>Candidates might:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify Muhammad ﷺ by recounting when and where he lived and a few historical facts about his life or about the establishment of Islam before concentrating on Muslim beliefs about him;</li> </ul> <p>Explanations might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prophethood (risalah);</li> <li>Allah's guidance to humankind which began with Adam;</li> <li>The receiving of the Qur'an;</li> <li>The actual words of Allah;</li> <li>Muhammad ﷺ is the seal of the prophets;</li> <li>The Shahadah;</li> <li>Muslims do not worship Muhammad ﷺ.</li> </ul>	[6]
1(b)	<p><b>Explain the reasons why Hajj to Makkah is important for Muslims.</b></p> <p>Candidates might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Important historical facts which link Makkah with Muhammad ﷺ and the start of Islam;</li> <li>Consideration of the earlier connections of Makkah with Adam and with Ibrahim (Abraham) which had established Makkah as an important religious centre;</li> <li>The Hajj to Makkah is likely to feature because of its ongoing significance as one of the Five Pillars;</li> <li>The Ka'bah is the focal point at the centre of the Great Mosque in Makkah and some candidates might refer to its religious importance e.g. for prayer. Others might include its theological significance in that the Ka'bah is called Baitullah, the House of God, because it is believed to be directly below the throne of God and where Allah began creating the earth.</li> </ul>	[6]
1(c)	<p><b>'You don't have to keep all of the Five Pillars to be a good Muslim. Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Islam in your answer</b></p> <p>Candidates might:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Argue for the importance of each of the Five Pillars in turn as acts of ibadah, worship and obedience;</li> <li>Explore what exactly constitutes 'a good Muslim';</li> </ul>	[12]

Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
1(c) Cont'd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain that merciful exemptions from duty exist in Islam and accurate information about, for example, those who need not fast or situations where Muslims should not go on pilgrimage might feature in their discussion;</li> <li>• Show the relationship of the Shahadah to the other four pillars and the interrelationship of all aspects of Islam and suggest the overriding importance of Shahadah or alternatively argue that the interrelationship shows equality of importance of each pillar as they constitute a whole.</li> </ul>	
Question Total		[24]
2(a)	<p><b>How do Muslims celebrate Id-ul-Fitr?</b></p> <p>Candidates might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Id-ul Fitr marks the end of the month of Ramadan and that it is the start of the month of Shawwal (in Muslim countries it is a three day holiday);</li> <li>• The Id begins when the new moon appears (officially when it can be seen in Makkah);</li> <li>• Fireworks and cannons;</li> <li>• Description of the preparations for the celebration;</li> <li>• Explain that cards, decorations, presents are exchanged to celebrate the successful end of a month's fasting;</li> <li>• Muslims wear new clothes, greet each other with 'Id Mubarak' and visit friends and relations as well as going to visit the graves of the dead;</li> <li>• Describe how prayers are said before the presents are opened and the feasting begins;</li> <li>• Describe the large gatherings at the mosque for Id prayer;</li> <li>• Refer to the payment of Zakat-ul-Fitr.</li> </ul>	[6]
2(b)	<p><b>Explain the importance of Id-ul-Adha for Muslims.</b></p> <p>Candidates might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Id-ul-Adha is a three day annual festival (10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Dhul Hijrah) which occurs during Hajj (the pilgrimage to Makkah) and is celebrated by all Muslims;</li> <li>• Explanation that it shows the solidarity of all Muslims with those on Hajj (which is one of the Five Pillars). It is joyful but also serious because of the meaning of the symbolic actions during the pilgrimage;</li> </ul> <p>Among the significant actions and themes, candidates might explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offering animal sacrifices to remember Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice Ishmael;</li> <li>• The stand on Arafat prefiguring the Last Judgement;</li> <li>• Following the example of Muhammad ﷺ and obeying his last sermon.</li> </ul>	[6]

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2(c)	<p><b>‘Fasting during Ramadan is more important to a Muslim’s religious life than celebrating the Id festivals.</b>  <b>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Islam in your answer</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fasting teaches Muslims self-discipline, self restraint and generosity;</li> <li>• It is a time for spiritual reflection, and fasting assists in this as it focuses the believer’s mind on sacrifice and devotion to Allah;</li> <li>• Fasting is a gift to Allah;</li> <li>• It is an activity performed by all Muslims together across the world and it shows the solidarity of the Ummah;</li> <li>• The fast is an act of worship which brings the believer closer to Allah.</li> <li>• Id’s are more important:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adha – what it remembers in the history of Islam (Ibrahim’s willingness to sacrifice Ishmael, the Last Judgement, the example of Muhammad ﷺ and obeying his last sermon) and that it is known as the ‘Great Festival’;</li> <li>• Adha as the end of the Hajj;</li> <li>• Sharing sacrificial meat with families and with the poor;</li> <li>• Fitr – brings Muslims together in celebration as a community, promotes a positive attitude towards Islam in a non-Muslim country;</li> <li>• Fitr is the celebration of the end of Ramadan and it is seen as a reward for the successful fasting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Candidates may take opposing views but may say that both are equally important as they were recommended by Muhammad ﷺ.</p>	[12]
<b>Question Total</b>		<b>[24]</b>
3(a)	<p><b>Outline the similarities and differences between Sunni and Shi’a belief.</b></p> <p>Similarities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Belief in One God;</li> <li>• Acceptance of Muhammad ﷺ as the prophet.</li> </ul> <p>Differences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shi’a different beliefs about the khalifahs;</li> </ul>	[6]

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<b>3(a)</b> <b>Cont'd</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shi'a belief that there is a secret meaning hidden in the Qur'an;</li> <li>• Some Sunni's accept the transmigration of souls;</li> <li>• Sunni emphasises submission to Allah;</li> <li>• Sunni emphasise the power and sovereignty of Allah.</li> </ul>	
<b>3(b)</b>	<p><b>Explain how living in the UK might affect Salah.</b></p> <p>Candidates might explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues to do with in recognizing the time for prayer;</li> <li>• About difficulties to do with stopping work to perform the full ritual;</li> <li>• How Muslims may adapt the rituals to silent prayer;</li> <li>• How the distance from places of worship makes regular prayer with other Muslims difficult.</li> </ul>	<b>[6]</b>
<b>3(c)</b>	<p><b>'It is easier to be a true Muslim in a Muslim country.'</b>  <b>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Islam in your answer</b></p> <p>Candidates might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of the difficulties in observing the Five Pillars in a non-Muslim country;</li> <li>• The ease of getting to Makkah and following the Sunnah of the Prophet in a Middle Eastern environment;</li> <li>• Issues which involve Islam and reflect contemporary political, cultural and religious conflicts and current affairs;</li> <li>• Consideration of what constitutes a 'true' Muslim.</li> </ul>	<b>[12]</b>
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**Assessment Objectives Grid (includes QWC)**

<b>Question</b>	<b>AO1</b>	<b>AO2</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1(a)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>1(b)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>1(c)</b>		12	<b>12</b>
<b>2(a)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>2(b)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>2(c)</b>		12	<b>12</b>
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<b>3(b)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>3(c)</b>		12	<b>12</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>